## **ABSTRACT**

[0047] The present invention provides a compound containing at least one sulfhydryl group and at least one NO donor group, wherein said compound contains one or more protected sulfhydryl groups linked to at least one aromatic ring or a heteroaromatic ring with a nitrogen in the ring structure, which ring is substituted by one or more substituents bearing at least one terminal –ONO<sub>2</sub> group. The present invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising one or more of said compounds as an active ingredient.

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